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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 12th December, 1957:

BILL No. 99 OF 1957

A Bill to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1957. Short title.

57 of 1955. 5 2. In the First Schedule to the Citizenship Act, 1955, under the heading "A. The following Commonwealth countries:—", after entry 8, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment
of First
Schedule.

"9. Ghana.

10. Federation of Malaya.

10 11. Singapore."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 2 (1) (c) of the Citizenship Act, 1955, empowers the Central Government to declare, by notification in the Official Gazette, the citizenship or nationality law in relation to any country specified in the First Schedule at the request of the Government of that country. Where such a declaration is made, persons of full age and capacity who are the citizens of that particular country may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed in this behalf, be registered as citizens of India under the provisions of section 5 (1) (e) of the Citizenship Act. Since the enactment of the Citizenship Act in 1955, Ghana, the Federation of Malaya and Singapore have become Commonwealth countries. In order to enable the Government of India to notify, on a reciprocal basis, the citizenship or nationality law of these countries as and when it becomes necessary, it is proposed to amend the Act to include these countries also in the First Schedule.

G. B. PANT.

NEW DELHI;

The 5th December, 1957.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.